

Cape Meares Community Association Minutes - Saturday, May 8, 2010

President Chris Spence called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves. The minutes of the February 13, 2010 were approved.

911 Response Issue - Guest Speaker

Guest speaker Lark Housworth of Tillamook County Emergency Communication District/ 911 addressed the issue of emergency response confusion in Cape Meares (recently an emergency vehicle was dispatched to the Lighthouse instead of Cape Meares). The confusion stems in part from the fact the addresses for Cape Meares residents are listed as "Tillamook" by the U.S. Postal Service; in part because not all calls are made from land lines (updated mapping system results in any call from a land line producing an aerial view of the house); and in part due to the street naming/numbering systems in Cape Meares. She has changed her system for Cape Meares addresses to specify "NW" and to say "Cape Meares" rather than Tillamook. Bay Ocean Road is still a major problem because part of Bay Ocean Road is Tillamook and the numbering system west of 13th confuses the issue. Lark met with the Roads and Fire Departments, seeking solutions. A couple of options:

- 1) Keep the name, "Bay Ocean Road", but change the address numbering system.
 - 2) Rename the street to "Meares Avenue NW" west of 13th - numbers would stay the same.
- As Lark pointed out, "If we can't find you, we can't save you."

CMCA is not making a recommendation, but suggests that community members affected by the change give their input to Lark within the next couple weeks. A meeting of the "powers that be" will be held in June to finalize the solution. Contact numbers for Lark: Phone 503-815-3911 or Cell 503-812-0347; e-mail lhousworth@wcn.net.

Treasurer's Report

Jane Frost reported a CMCA account balance as of May 1, 2010 of \$7873.51. Recent major expenditures included \$735 for CMCA Director and Officer Insurance and \$500 for landscaping. Ralph Gibert made a \$300 donation in honor of his wife, Jan, who died recently.

Committee Reports and Old Business

Building Committee:

Sue Beckman reported that the landscaping for the community center had been completed for a total cost of \$500, paid for with funds donated in memory of JC Johnson. A decision on whether to name the garden "The JC Johnson Memorial Garden" or just "Memorial Garden" has not yet been made.

Sue reminded attendees that photos for the 2011 Cape Meares Calendar were due.

Bob Fitzgerald donated a DVD and components to the community center and Roby's donated a big screen TV; the only charge was \$39 for delivery and installation.

Water Board:

Chris Spence reported for Bob Garrigues that there is likely to be a \$5/month increase in the water bills. The Water District is also in need of a volunteer grant writer.

Social Committee: BJ Byron called for volunteers for the 4th of July Celebration.

Election of Officers for CMCA

A motion was made and approved to accept the slate of officers, as follows:

President - Jack Drafahl

President-Elect: Chris Spence

Secretary: Dave Toner

Secretary-Elect: Louise Watkins

Treasurer: Pasta Moore

Treasurer-Elect: Jane Frost
Social Director: BJ Byron
Building Director: Sue Beckman

New Business

Emergency/Tsunami Preparedness

Dave Toner is taking the lead in this area for Cape Meares. He attended presentations, talked to people in other communities and did some independent research. Some highlights from his report at the meeting:

1) In the 1964 Tsunami that affected the Pacific Coastline, most of the deaths that occurred resulted from people being sucked out to sea as the ocean waters retreated. A lot will depend on whether we are dealing with a earthquake that results in a tsunami or an earthquake that affects the land.

2) He recommends the website for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries - www.oregongeology.com - which has extensive information on tsunamis, earthquakes, emergency preparedness, etc. James Roddey, Earth Science Information Officer, will be giving a presentation, open to the public, on Monday, June 7, 6:30 - 8:30 at the Netarts Fire Hall. Dave, Olli, Pete Steen and others from Cape Meares attended an earlier presentation by Mr. Roddey in Manzanita and said it was extremely well done and useful.

3) Dave also praised the efforts of the Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay in the area of emergency preparedness, suggesting they might be a good model for planning efforts in Cape Meares. Their website is www.emergency.nehalembay.org.

One of their strategies has been a project known as MAP - completing an inventory of the people in their area in order to find out who and what resources are available - for example, medical personnel, people with survival skills knowledge, equipment and materials that would be useful in an emergency and so forth.

A lively discussion followed Dave's report. Some important questions were raised - how do we reach people who are not involved in CMCA and how do we motivate people to take an interest in this project. A suggestion was made to have some of the emergency preparedness leaders in other communities as well as Gordon McGraw, the new Director of Emergency Services for Tillamook County, come to Cape Meares and make a presentation.

A committee to look into developing an emergency preparedness plan of action was formed and includes Dave Toner, Chris Spence, Olli Ollikien and Deborah Neal. Jane Spence agreed to take a lead on a project similar to the Nehalem Bay MAP idea. Pete Steen has already written some materials which might be useful.

Olli mentioned that Fire Department Volunteers will assist in an emergency and anyone who lacks mobility should tie something like a handkerchief on their doorknob.

A motion was made and approved to allow up to \$100 for printing and postage to be spent for a hard copy mailing to the community, outlining the need for emergency preparedness and notifying folks of the upcoming meeting in Netarts as an initial step to develop community interest and motivation. Deborah Neal and Jane Spence volunteered to work on this project.

AAUW rummage Sale

Carol Thwaites announced the AAUW plant and rummage sale to be held May 15th at the Tillamook Senior Center from 9 am to 4 pm. Jane Frost indicated they were still taking donations and that the proceeds would go towards scholarships for young women.

Community Center Insulation

Sue Beckman discussed the need for insulation in the community center. She recommended we consider drawing from the \$2295 that JC Johnson left to the CMCA through his estate. A motion was made and approved. Sue will get bids.

Erosion Question

David Hanset contacted the US Corps of Engineers and raised a concern that the work going on at the North Jetty would increase erosion near Cape Meares on the southern end of the Bay Ocean Peninsula. Barbara Bennett reported on the letter he received in response from Kathryn Warner

(Kathryn.L.Warner@usace.army.mil). The following two paragraphs from her letter address the issue:

"The Corps is repairing the end of the jetty, not building (or extending) new jetty into the ocean. North Jetty capping work will re-build 300 feet into the existing end of the North Jetty. this work will occur over relic stone and is not an extension. The jetty originally extended out at least 200 feet further seaward from where the current repairs will end. Due to the relatively short repair and the significant distance between the project and Cape Meares, the work on the North jetty is not expected to impact processes at the Cape Meares property.

The shoreline response that was observed after the North Jetty original construction had to do with placing a large structure in an area where there was no structure before. That original structure was 5700 feet long. The North Jetty repair project is 5% of that length."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrie Ziady
Outgoing CMCA Secretary